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Docket No.: 49657-904

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshinori TANAKA, et al.

Serial No.:

(Divisional of Serial No. 09/095,612)

Group Art Unit:

Filed: January 10, 2001

Examiner:

For:

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE COMPRISING CAPACITOR AND METHOD OF

FABRICATING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 21 through 24 as follows:

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- --21. The semiconductor device in accordance with claim 12, wherein said part of said insulating film having a width being smaller than the minimum working size formable by photolithography.
  - 22. The semiconductor device in accordance with claim 21, wherein a side surface of said capacitor lower electrode has a curved plane.
  - 23. The semiconductor device in accordance with claim 21, wherein said insulating film includes an upper insulating film and a lower insulating film being